

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1627

Introduced by Assembly Member Pescetti

February 23, 2001

An act relating to pupils, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1627, as introduced, Pescetti. Pupils.

Existing law establishes various programs related to high school dropouts, including educational clinics and school-based motivation and maintenance programs.

This bill would appropriate \$3,000,000 to Communities in Schools of California, a nonprofit entity, for purposes establishing a headquarters office in the state and establishing local nonprofit Communities in Schools offices to, among other things, develop plans for the areas in which the Communities in Schools offices are established to provide a system of support for pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to increase high school graduation rates and promotion rates and decrease behavioral problems. The bill would require Communities in Schools of California to report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2003.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The sum of three million dollars
- 2 (\$3,000,000) is hereby appropriated to Communities in Schools of
- 3 California, a nonprofit entity, for purposes of the following:

1 (1) The establishment of a headquarters office in the state for
2 the following purposes:

3 (A) To assist in the establishment of local Communities in
4 Schools offices, including hiring directors or teams for those
5 offices.

6 (B) To oversee the Communities in Schools Program in the
7 state.

8 (C) To provide technical assistance to local Communities in
9 Schools offices.

10 (2) The establishment of local nonprofit Communities in
11 Schools offices, which shall do all of the following:

12 (A) Assess the high school dropout rate in the area in which the
13 local Communities in Schools office is established and determine
14 local needs.

15 (B) Identify available resources that may impact the dropout
16 rate.

17 (C) Develop a plan for the area in which the local Communities
18 in Schools office is established to provide a system of support for
19 pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to increase
20 high school graduation rates and promotion rates and decrease
21 behavioral problems. The plan shall address pupils attending
22 alternative schools and pupils in grades 9, 10, and 11 who are in
23 danger of dropping out of school.

24 (D) Track pupils served and report, at a minimum, the pupils'
25 attendance, grades, graduation rates, promotion rates, and
26 information regarding suspensions and expulsions.

27 (E) Provide an advocate to provide information to pupils at risk
28 of dropping out to schoolsites in the area in which the local
29 Communities in Schools office is established.

30 (b) Communities in Schools of California shall report to the
31 Legislature, on or before January 1, 2003. This report shall
32 include, at a minimum, information provided to Communities in
33 Schools of California by the local Communities in Schools offices
34 pursuant to subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

